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A VERY NOTABLE VISITOR.

In Dr. Koch of Berlin, who arrived here yesterday as a visitor, Honolulu has a guest whose name must ever be linked in world history, with a discovery ranking high in the record of the benefits his profession has given to the human race. It is an old story in these days of statistics that tuberculosis is mankind's most terrible enemy,—in the Hawaiian Islands, month after month for a long time past, attention has been called over and over again to the grim figures which show its lead in deadliness to the Hawaiian and other population. The basis of modern scientific treatment of this fearful scourge rests upon the discovery of the phthisis bacilli by Dr. Koch in 1890. As the years go by, improvements follow one another in the methods of treating this disease once classed as inevitably fatal, and it is now generally recognized that the disease is curable, that it is not hereditary and that it is highly contagious. The value of knowing these three facts regarding it is of course apparent and can hardly be overestimated. To Dr. Koch, more than to any other one man living, is due the credit.

KOCH'S HONOLULU DEPARTED DISCIPLE.

It is interesting to recall the fact, in connection with Dr. Koch's visit to Honolulu, that shortly after the announcement of his great discovery a Honolulu physician went to Germany to study the famous bacteriologist's treatment of tuberculosis based upon the detection of the devastating bacillus. This was the late Dr. John Brodie who, after returning, started a sanatorium at Waikiki in a house he built for the purpose which is now a portion of the Moana Hotel. Unfortunately the public-spirited healer, who had thus at great expense placed himself in the front rank of modernism in medicine, broke down in health and passed away before having more than begun to apply the Koch method to the saving of his adopted country from the ravages of the white plague.

Perhaps the doctor was more devoted than his contemporaries to this irrepressible conflict, now being systematically waged over the world, from the fact that the iron had entered his own soul. Besides the pulmonary delicacy of himself he had been preceded to the grave by a talented brother, a victim of consumption, the late James Brodie, V. S., who was the first government veterinarian ever employed in these islands. He had during his incumbency stamped out glanders and thus doubtlessly saved from decimation the equine stock of the kingdom, at a time when horses and mules were far more important on the sugar plantations than today when other modes of transportation have largely superseded animal.

In recording the progressiveness of the present, with the due meed of praise to its exponents in professional and commercial lines, let us not forget to place wreaths occasionally on the tombs of the departed worthies who sustained the good name of Hawaii as a community advanced in civilization when Hawaii was less glaringly in the world's eye than, through the march of great events, it has now been placed.

TRUSTS POWERFUL.

What the diamond trust did, by sheer financial strength and control of the supply, in holding up the prices of the gems when the demand had almost disappeared is only what might be expected of any uncontrolled monopoly. With diamonds it makes no difference to the general sum of human comfort and happiness, but when depression comes to the financial world one of the things that ameliorates its results to the workers—the reduction or loss of pay—is the automatic fall in prices of the commodities that constitute the necessities and comforts of existence. When monopolies artificially hold prices of these up in hard times, the occasion is made for social war against monopolies. It is indeed scattered efforts of the kind that have happened in the recent past which has imparted a great deal of the vitality to the pernicious type of socialism that is appearing on every hand. Trusts are a natural development of the period no doubt, but they must be controlled.

If the cranks and the snobs will but "keep off the line" the entertainment of the fleet can be nicely arranged.

May there not be danger that a permanent Convention of Governors will tend to dim the constitutional chalkline between the executive and the legislature? A survey of the field even now would show a surprising number of governors who are assuming the initiative in legislation.

"If you have to fight, press the button and tell us what you want done, and we will do it." So Admiral Evans put the duty of the fleet at San Francisco, and the Nation may depend upon it that it is no vainglorious boasting. The traditions of the United States Navy are epitomized in the brave words.

Public discussion of whether local society women would care to mingle with the men of the fleet at a ball or any other function is very unfortunate and harmful. Such a discussion, if it gets to the ears of the officers and men, is almost enough to make them boycott any sort of entertainment here. For the sake of preserving a friendly feeling in the navy towards Hawaii, we hope that the circulation of yesterday's issue of our only morning newspaper, having for its first article a discussion of this question, will be very limited in San Francisco. The society of Honolulu will act towards the visitors just like the society of other communities the fleet has visited and it is not only unnecessary for them to say so, but the mere fact of their having had to speak on the subject gives a bad impression. Jack and his officers are very sensitive about this sort of thing.

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SENATOR BORAH of Idaho: But no leader of the colored race ever did a greater injury to the thousands of colored men who are struggling up to the high plane of civilization than to teach them that their Government will connive at a breach of the law. For one and all, white race and black race, there is but one rule, which is that when the rights of the American citizen are involved, the peace of the home and the protection of life, party politics disappear. American citizenship is the only chord which will receive a responsive strain from the American people. I can not imagine a more cowardly act, a more pusillanimous act upon the part of a great party than to undertake to connive at a crime so thoroughly proved as this Brownsville affair because of anticipated political exigencies. It is our duty to say to the people of this country that the party which gave the colored man his freedom will also teach him that this Government can only be preserved by observing the law and observing the rights of citizens in their homes.

CONGRESSMAN HUMPHREY, of Washington: A trust exists upon the Pacific Ocean. It is called the "Shipowners International Union." It represents more than 1,200,000 tons—practically all the sail tonnage on the Pacific Ocean. It is composed of English, German, and French ships. It is open and frank in its purposes. It makes no attempt to conceal its objects. Its rules and regulations have been printed and can be easily obtained. A year ago I inserted a copy of this agreement in the Congressional Record. As set forth in the agreement, the principal object of this ship trust is to raise freight rates from American ports. In its declared purpose it has been most successful. It has raised freights on the Pacific more than 400 per cent. It has increased the freight on a ton of wheat from Seattle to Europe from \$1.25 to \$5.92 per ton. Any ship is free to charge such rates as it may think best for carrying freight from Europe to this country, but any vessel that charges less than the minimum price fixed by the trust for carrying freight from an American port is subjected to the heavy fine of a shilling per ton on the dead weight capacity of the vessel.

SENATOR BEVERIDGE, of Indiana. Does the fact that we are not a divided nation, but a united Republic, change the fact that we have two great sea lines of the world on two different coasts? Does any man question the fact that if the Mississippi River divided this country in two there would be a great navy on either coast? Is there any reason why there should not be an equally great navy on the same coasts because this country is one country. We have got to come to it.

As I said the other day, the people of the country are demanding that we shall have an equally great Navy on either coast. I think the consensus of opinion of the people of America is that the fleet now on the Pacific ought never to leave those waters; and I do not believe the American people would ever permit it to be ordered away if we had facilities there for overhauling it, for cleaning it, and for putting it in repair. The exigencies and the conditions are of the world, our two great coast lines—coast lines greater than those of any other three nations in the world put together—demand that we shall have as one Republic what we certainly would have if we were two republics—a Navy on either ocean.

CONGRESSMAN CUSHMAN, of Washington: Mr. Speaker, I was raised upon the farm. What little philosophy there is in my make-up I imbibed from these surroundings. On the farm of my grandfather, years ago, he had a certain mongrel dog of unknown antecedents and doubtful pedigree called "Tige." (Laughter) In the courage and capacity of that same Tige my grandfather had great confidence. On that same farm there was also a certain unruly, crumple-horned, breachy cow called "Boss"—and she was well named, too. One summer afternoon my grandfather discovered that old Boss had knocked down a couple of panels of the farm fence and was grazing in the midst of the timothy meadow, contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided. (Laughter) He said, "Tige will fetch her out," and he yelled for the dog. The dog came out from under the smokehouse and grandfather pointed to the center of the meadow and said, "Fetch her out, Tige," and at a tremendous rate of speed and with a very fierce canine expression Tige made for the tall and uncult. That cow had a full-grown disposition of her own. (Laughter) She lowered her head and made for that dog under a full head of steam, and he turned tail and made for the gap in that fence. Every jump he took he could feel the hot air from that gap cow's nostrils fanning his flanks. Ah, Mr. Speaker, there was a race that was never surpassed or even equaled by anything pulled off on the Benning track. Tige covered that 40 rods in an amazing short space of time, and came out exactly 5 3-4 inches in the lead. Grandfather leaned back, with much complacency, and said, "I knew old Tige would fetch her out," although it appeared to the other spectators that old Tige had been fetched out. And, Mr. Speaker, it occurs to me that in this so-called "fillbuster" the Democratic minority of this House have afforded us a similar spectacle. When they behold the gentleman from New York (Mr. Payne) grazing peacefully in the midst of the Republican legislative meadow, about ready to bring forth a piece of sound legislation, they wait until he is all ready to start, and then they call for the Democratic watchdog and say, "Bring him out, John." (Loud laughter and applause on the Republican side.) And then John, with the same enthusiasm and lack of judgment which was evidenced in old Tige, starts for the tall and uncult. (Laughter) But, Mr. Speaker, the country has not failed to notice that when that legislative procession came out of the meadow the gentleman from Mississippi was not chasing the gentleman from New York, but, on the contrary, was being chased by him. (Long-continued laughter and applause)

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